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SUBJECT: LARG TAKE OF NATIONALIZED OIL

REF: TRIPOLI 1124 AND 1125

1. AMOSEAS MGR INFORMS US THAT LARG CONTROLLER AT RAS LANUF, THE MOBIL-OPERATED OIL PORT ON GULF OF SIRTE, HAS BEGUN TO REQUIRE THAT ALL CRUDE SHIPMENTS FROM THE PORT MUST SHOW 51 PERCENT AS CONSIGNED FROM THE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (NOC), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONALIZATION DECREE OF SEPTEMBER 1 (ARTICLE 12). ONE TANKER ALREADY LOADED ON THIS BASIS.

2. THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISOS OF ARTICLE 12 ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE MAJORS' COMPANY MANAGERS HERE. AS THEY UNDERSTAND IT, THE COMPANIES ARE NOW

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WALKING A TIGHTROPE BETWEEN A) GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF

ABANDONING THEIR ASSETS, AND B) IN ANY MANNER
INDICATING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NATIONALIZATION DECREE.
EVERY DAY THEY REMAIN IN OPERATION THEY LEND CREDIBILITY
TO A CONTENTION THAT THEY ACCEPT NATIONALIZATION, AT
LEAST TEMPORARILY, WHEREAS THEY CANNOT SHUT THEMSELVES
IN WITHOUT STRENGTHENING A CONTENTION THAT THEY ABANDONED
THEIR PROPERTIES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST TWO COMPANIES
HAVE SUBMITTED A LETTER OF PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR
ARBITRATION.
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